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SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON FARAKKA AND ANTI-INDIAN
PROPAGANDA IN BANGLADESH

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1. ADDRESSING PARLIAMENT AUGUST 12, DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS BIPIN PAL DAS IS REPORTED BY THE PRESS AS HAVING EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT THE BDG WAS INSISTING ON DISCUSSING THE SHARING OF THE GANGES WATERS FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR INSTEAD OF FOR THE LEAN SEASON ONLY. DAS CONTINUED TO REFUSE TO DISCLOSE THE CONTENTS OF THE BDG'S REPLY TO THE INDIAN INVITATION FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF TALKS ON FARAKKA (REFTEL).

2. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION, THE DEPUTY MINISTER TOLD THE HOUSE THAT THE QUESTION OF ANTI-INDIAN PROPAGANDA APPEARING IN THE BANGLADESH PRESS WAS "THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE RAISED" BY THE PARATHASARATHY DELEGATION. HE SAID: "WE ARE SORRY THAT THIS PROPAGANDA HAS NOT SUBSIDED IN SPITE OF THE CURRENT ASSURANCES THAT HAD BEEN GIVEN."SAXBE

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